

JAPAN MAY BE TOLD WHERE SHE GETS OFF; WITNESS IN CLARKE CASE IS MISSING

ORIENTALS AT ARMS CONFAB

FINCHING FOR BIGGER NAVY

Seven to Ten in Ship Ratio Instead of Six to Ten.

AMERICA IS POSITIVE

Declaration of Insistence May Be Made Across Table.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 18.—At today's meeting of the big Japanese ambassador present a statement of the Japanese viewpoint in response to the proposals of the Chinese.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 18.—Japan's reply to the American proposal for an increase in the proportion of her navy may lead to a declaration of the arms conference.

American delegation stands to dispute stubbornly any change from the ratio set in the American plan. That it was emphasized by highest officials today, reflects existing naval strength and so cannot be altered without upsetting a mental principle of the whole.

Effect the American figures give Japan six fighting ships to ten owned by the United States and every ten owned by Great Britain. The Japanese have hinted, but formally announced, that they want seven to ten. The naval ratio of the United States really is five to ten, which is nearer the Japanese figures than the American figures. Great Britain owned the six to ten plan in 1906, but her spokesmen have insisted about the new Japanese.

Proportion Not Possible turns out that the "slightly" naval force suggested for Japan by Admiral Baron Kato only adds to the addition of one battle ship to the Japanese figures than the American figures. The American delegates may not be deemed very. But if the suggestion stands a real change in proportion is declared on authority of the determined diplomatic struggle.

clear delineation of the American position on this subject served to attract attention again to naval arms today while the far east negotiations were at a standstill. The powers to work out details of their policy. Neither the American nor any of its committees during the day but the nine delegates will assemble tomorrow in session to resume their work.

Not limited to participants. President with the disclosure of American viewpoint on naval arms it was revealed today that administration does not propose to the armament agreement, if one, to the nations represented in the Washington conference. Whether a treaty or "simply understanding" would come out of the administration of administration would not predict, but it was clear that whatever the form of the other interested nations would be asked to participate. No treaty requiring senate ratification result it was said to be of the administration that

FRANCIS G. MATSON



Francis G. Matson, native of Ogden, Utah, who has been appointed deputy commissioner of internal revenue in charge of information, supplies, equipment, tobacco, oleomargarine and miscellaneous taxes. Mr. Matson prior to his appointment was employed on the editorial staff of a Washington newspaper.

STATE HIGH CHAMP BATTLE STIRRING UP WAR IN CAMPS

Gainesville Is Holding Wilbur to Resolution He Introduced.

TO USE FLEMING FIELD

Now Disclosed University City Right In Contentions.

(By Associated Press) Gainesville, Nov. 18.—Just where, if anywhere, the championship battle for the state high school football honors will be contested is still a matter of doubt. There is also some doubt as to whether or not the game will ever be played.

A series of conferences were held here today. Dr. F. H. Hathaway, of Duval High, was in conference with Prof. Buchholz, of Gainesville high. Tonight another meeting was held in which it was sought to iron out differences. At a late hour it was not determined whether Duval will arrange a game with Gainesville or not. The attitude of the locals is that if Duval wants to play for the state title let her accept the provision for its staging in accordance with a resolution which her athletic director, Prof. Wilbur, had passed at a recent meeting of the board of control which provided that all state high school championships between any high school teams should be played on Fleming field, which is the university field of play.

In this particular instance, however, it is argued by Duval officials, Fleming field is not neutral ground. Gainesville argues that it is, in the strict sense of the word. Invitations of Palatka and other cities have been considered, and Palatka is generally accepted as the logical neutral spot if it is possible that a game is arranged anywhere except in accordance with high school organization provisions.

The whole armament reduction program could be put through without congressional action. International "understanding" of policy do not require the approval of congress and on the plan presented as a basis of discussion by China. During the officials say the proposed scrapping of war ships could be accomplished under general authority already possessed by the executives.

China's Plan Up Today.

WALLER BELIEVES PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR POTATO YEAR

Hastings Expert Just Returned From Trip to Eastern Market

EASTERN MARKET HEAVY

Growers Are Turning Their Crop Aloose Without Waiting

G. W. Waller, one of the best-known and most widely experienced potato growers and dealers in the Hastings section has returned from a trip to the Maine potato fields where he carefully observed the condition of the crop and its probable effect on the market here. He expressed himself as optimistic over the prospects of the Hastings section for a good market in the spring. "In 1920 the potato growers of Maine held their crops for higher prices," Mr. Waller said, "and finally had to dump them at whatever they could get about the time our goods went on the market, but this year they have sold at whatever prices they could get, statistics showing that more potatoes have been dumped on the market up to this time of year."

"However, all potatoes have not been sent to market, but I believe that there remains only a sufficient number to supply the market comfortably until the Hastings potatoes come in next spring. It requires about 800 cars of potatoes per day to supply the demand in the larger cities."

"While the eastern growers were dumping their crop last spring at \$4.80 per bag of 180 pounds we were getting on a basis of \$10.00, which shows the attention our potatoes command on the spring markets."

"The success of next spring's crop all depends upon the quality of the potatoes, however, there is one thing that is hopeful, we have our good and bad years, but in all my experience with the Hastings deal, we have never had a complete failure. I know of no other potato section that has not at one time and another had a failure. In fact the potato business has never failed in Hastings and the situation at this time for good success looks very encouraging."

"The cost of production is considerably lower this year and this works in our favor. We have no opposition or competition when our potatoes go on the market. If we get the quality that will stand long shipments we cannot help but meet success this time."

"When I hear a man of the streets crying and cursing the business, an investigation shows that it is the man and not the business. If that man was at home looking after his crop he would find that he would meet better success financially. We certainly have not room for kid glove farmers here, but if a man will work hard and attend to his farm he will always make good here."

"I find the general opinion is that the financial condition of the country will be greatly improved by spring and this being the case, I see no reason why the Hastings farmer who applies himself will not make money this season. Our market is the world if the quality permits as there are no other new potatoes on the market when our cars start rolling."

night that all the powers would go tomorrow's far east conference fully prepared to express their views on the plan presented as a basis of discussion by China. During the officials say the proposed scrapping of war ships could be accomplished under general authority already possessed by the executives.

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MRS. MABEL WILLEBRANDT



Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt of Los Angeles has been appointed assistant attorney general of the United States. She succeeds Mrs. Annette Abbott Adams and will be in charge of matters relating to customs and internal revenue.

PACKING EMPLOYEES TO LEAVE REDUCTION OF WAGES TO MANAGEMENT

Vote of Confidence Is Taken in Government System of Wage.

(By Associated Press) Chicago, Nov. 18.—Employees of Armour & Co., 26,000 in all, today through their plant governing committee, agreed with officials of the packing house that a wage reduction is necessary and fixed its amount. The cut is effective November 28.

This is the first time in the history of the industry that a wage reduction has been arrived at in such a manner.

Tonight officials of Swift & Co., announced that after an all day conference the representatives of the Chicago Assembly of Employees had voted that a readjustment of wages was necessary, had extended a vote of confidence in the management, and had voted to leave the wage readjustment to the discretion of the management.

Reductions for various classes of employees of the Chicago Assembly practically corresponding, to those fixed by the employees of Armour & Co., and effective on the same date, November 28, were then announced by company officials, who said they expected the sixteen other assemblies of employees to take similar action.

Employees of Wilson & Co., and the Cudahy Packing Co., who are holding conferences, are expected to accept similar reductions and Morris & Co. has announced that it will follow the example of the others. All of the Big Five, except Morris & Co. last spring inaugurated the plant government system of employees' participation in the management of the business.

FIRE DESTROYS WAREHOUSE IN LAKE CITY; LOSS, \$15,000

(By Associated Press) Lake City, Nov. 18.—Fire late today in the warehouse owned by H. A. Wilson, at the corner of Columbia and Hamilton streets, caused damage estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000 and for a time threatened the loss of several other buildings. The building with its contents was totally destroyed. The loss included eight automobiles and a considerable amount of furniture said to be covered by virtually no insurance.

the negotiations there is a general expectation that some progress will be possible.

PALATKA BOOSTERS MADE A GREAT HIT WITH JAX PARADES

Both Big Papers Praise Spirit Which Prompted Visit

COULDN'T FIND BERRY

Biddie Shearouse Was Hot on Trail of Jax Band Master

That Palatka Boosters of the Chamber of Commerce made a big hit when they appeared in Jacksonville yesterday to parade with the Concert band and impart some pep in to the Florida State Fair is indicated in the stories printed in the last editions of the Metropolis and in yesterday's Times-Union.

The Palatka contingent arrived at Bay and Broad streets at 12:30 and immediately formed for the parade with two motorcycle policemen leading the line of mares up Bay to Ocean to Adams to Laura to Forsyth to Broad, where the parade disbanded and a trip was made to the Duval high school for a conference with the athletic directors. Following this the visitors went to the fair grounds a concert to which it was impossible to drag the Jacksonville band for a competition. Later in the evening a concert was given in Hemming park. In speaking of the visit of the Palatkans the Metropolis had the following:

"Palatka moved to Jacksonville Thursday morning and at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon it began to look as though she would confiscate the city and take it home with her. Forty-one car loads of 'em, rarin' to go and boiling over with pep, drove over the St. Johns river bridge about 10 o'clock and, like the Assyrian of old, swepted down upon the unsuspecting city with the suddenness of wolves."

"We came to blow J. Warren Berry into eternal silence," one of the crew declared. Then he explained that J. Warren Berry, as everyone already knows, is the ringmaster of the trick band that is entertaining thousands to their heart's delight at the state fair daily and nightly.

"Confidentially, however," Goode M. Guerry, publisher and editor of the Palatka Daily News, who was in the party, told the Metropolis, we have come up here to get that Duval-Gainesville football game. It looks as though we would do it, too. Gainesville is willing to play in Palatka, and it seems probable that Duval will consent. In that case we can assure all parties concerned that they will receive a wholehearted support, because we have a real bunch of football fans in that city."

Although the football game was the cause of the pilgrimage to the state metropolis, all the Palatkans will tell you that they came here to compete with Berry's band, and they claim they have the stuff to make a showing. There are 23 pieces in it, and it has as an additional feature the presence of six-year-old Louie Kalbfeld Newton, the boy wonder who has been directing 100-piece orchestras in Atlanta and Chicago and who has made a national reputation for himself as a band leader.

"You might say we are going out to the fair about three o'clock," one of the party laughed, "to put on a regular concert—that is, if Mr. Berry will stand for it."

Palatka isn't minus anything when it comes to earning itself a place in the sun.

The Times-Union story was as follows: If there is one person in Jacksonville today who is unimpaired of the fact that Palatka is distinctly and permanently on the map, that person (Continued on Page 2)

FREDERICK F. MOORE



Frederick F. Moore, prominent author and editor, who has been appointed foreign chancellor to the Japanese ministry of foreign affairs. Mr. Moore has been for many years a foreign correspondent of American and English newspapers and has spent 15 of the last 20 years in foreign capitals.

PUTNAM IS SECOND IN PRIZE WINNERS AT JAX STATE FAIR

in All Departments Competed In

MISS SIPPRESS WINNER

Canning Exhibit Again Takes First Prize at Fair

Putnam's exhibit at the State Fair at Jacksonville has been awarded second prize in the special contest for counties winning 750 points out of a possible 1,000. As this county did not contest in many departments it is considered a splendid showing, especially as work of assembling the exhibit was done in such a short time. Nassau county was first in the counties which did not have exhibits in all departments, Putnam second and Duval third. This gives the Putnam exhibit a prize of \$100.

But even better than the general display was the showing made in the specials, group No. 3, in which Putnam won first honors with Dade county second.

In the county canning club contest for women Putnam was second to Leon, due to the extensiveness of the Leon exhibit prepared under the direct supervision of experts of the state school department. In the girls club contest Putnam was third, Columbia winning first and Taylor second. Mrs. C. W. Brown won first prize for canned fish and in the pickle department Putnam was third.

In the dairy products contest Putnam won first place for the best exhibit of butter of not less than five pounds. Duval was second.

STATE FILES AN APPEAL IN GASOLINE TAX CASE

(By Associated Press) Jacksonville, Nov. 18.—The state has filed an appeal in the supreme court of Florida from the decision of Judge Love of the Leon circuit court, who recently held the gasoline tax law void according to advice received today from Tallahassee. The appeal was made returnable December 20 and the court has been asked to advance the case on its docket if possible.

DEBOER PLEADS GUILTY.

(By Associated Press) Miami, Nov. 18.—John DeBoer, charged with the murder of John V. Best, wealthy contracting painter

RENA NORMAN DROPS OUT OF SIGHT; LENA'S CELL FRIEND

Held in Jail as Neighbor in Cell She Told Story to Jury.

PUT IT ON PATTERSON

Chauffeur's Indictment Due to Her Testimony Is Claimed.

(By Associated Press) Orlando, Nov. 18.—Miss Rena Norman, who testified before the grand jury which indicted Miss Lena M. T. Clarke and B. H. Patterson on charges of first degree murder, and accessories before the fact, in connection with the killing of Frank H. Milmore, here August 1 and stated as a state witness at the trial today. Errors are being made to find her.

Miss Norman's testimony before the grand jury was largely instrumental in the returning of murder charge against her and Patterson, who was given his release on \$5,000 bond yesterday through habeas corpus proceedings. The young woman claimed to have been a confidant of Miss Clarke in the county jail where she was held on a vagrancy charge.

FRENCH ARMY STAVED OFF WAR SINCE PEACE SIGNED CLAIMS BRIAND

This Is Reason France Feels Need of Large Armed Force

(By Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 18.—War would have broken out in Europe three or four times since the signing of the armistice had it not been for the French army, Premier Briand declared today in conversation with American newspaper correspondents. The French premier was discussing his forthcoming speech Monday before the third plenary session of the arms conference, which he said would not be an oration, but rather an explanation.

"I shall ask the American people," he said, "to place themselves in the position of the French people for three quarters of an hour and survey the European situation as we see it and feel it."

"France does not want a large army any more than you do. We wish it were possible to reduce it below the minimum that we now have in mind, but we must, as we are alone, secure ourselves. France is not asking for any guarantees; she is not asking for anything."

"If it were possible for Great Britain, the United States and Italy to say 'if you are attacked we will be with you' then it would be possible for us to disarm. But if you simply say 'do not be afraid, tranquilize yourselves; no one is going to attack you,' that is not sufficient."

and decorator, whose body was found in Biscayne Bay recently, pleaded guilty today in circuit court.